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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mark D. SWANSON et al.)	Group Art Unit:	3654
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Serial No.: 09/818,240)	Examiner:	J. Nguyen
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For: ROLL GOODS DISPENSER SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE)		

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 10 June 2002, please consider the following remarks:

Remarks

The Office Action dated 10 June 2002 has been received and reviewed. The pending claims are claims 1-32. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, Rejection

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the relevant art to make and/or use the invention. Specifically, the Office Action alleges that it is not clear how the side shields are movable between the closed and open configurations. Also, the Office Action alleges that it is not clear what kind of force is required and how the force is to be applied.